



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

1303 E. CENTRAL DRIVE
MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83642

DR. LINDA CLARK
SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2014

Date, Place & Time	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 2, convened on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 6:10 p.m., at the District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian, Idaho
Trustees in Attendance	Chairman Anne Ritter, Janet Calinsky, Tina Dean, Carol Sayles, Mike Vuittonet
Staff in Attendance	Dr. Linda Clark, Eric Exline, Trish Duncan
Guests	Sue Darden, Loraine Hand, Tiffany M., Natasha D., Monique Warner
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Ritter
Amended Agenda Approved	Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend the agenda with the addition of Dawn Freestone's resignation to the employment recommendations.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Calinsky moved, Trustee Vuittonet seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as proposed. Approved items are as follow:

Minutes from the April 1, 2014 special board meeting;

Employment recommendations;

Requests for leave without pay for:

- Darlene B. Bashaw, bus driver, two (2) days;
- Rhonda Koch, bus driver, three (3) days;
- Laura Lemmon, teacher, the 2014-2015 school year;
- Anthony Lewis, teacher, two (2) days;
- Patrick Pinkerton, teacher, 2014-2015 school year;
- Dana Vineyard, nurse, 2014-2015 school year;

Requests for professional leave for:

- Jennifer Anderson, two (2) days, to attend the Distinguished Voices in Education Summer Institute in Pocatello, Idaho;
- Shaylon Black, off contract, to attend the Technology and Culture in Spanish Class in Spain;
- Dr. Linda Clark, two (2) days, to attend the Digital Promise meeting with superintendents in Washington, D.C.;
- Dr. Linda Clark, Don Nesbitt, Cindy Sisson, Mike Vuittonet, Joe Yochum, three (3) days; Dr. Mandy White, four (4) days to attend the College and Career Readiness Conference in Chicago, Illinois;
- Mike Dawley, five (5) days, to attend the Advanced Placement US History Training in Tucson, Arizona;

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- Julia DiGrazia, five (5) days, to attend the Advanced Placement US History Summer Seminar in Greeley, Colorado;
- Shana Hawkins and Staci Low, three (3) days, to meet with district representatives in Lee’s Summit, Missouri and Blue Springs School District;
- Vern Hickman and Leta Kipper, three (3) days, to attend the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute in Coos Bay, Oregon;
- Mike Hirano, two (2) days, to supervise the spring choir tour to Reno, Nevada and San Francisco, California;
- Teri Powell and Jackie Thomason, off contract, to attend the National Conference on Student Assessment in New Orleans, Louisiana;
- Brian Secrist, five (5) days, to attend Cisco Live training in San Francisco, California;
- Andrew Smith and Justin Touchstone, off contract, to attend the Technology Student Association National Leadership Conference in National Harbor, Maryland;

NEW job description for Instructional Programmer Analyst;

Improvement to district facilities at:

- Central Academy, donation of four Austrian Pine trees by Natalie Turley, installation will be done by the District grounds department;
- Chief Joseph School of the Arts, purchase and installation of a 8’ by 10’ storage shed to house sets, costumes and props, funded through building capital funds;

Recommendation to approve the 2014-2015 traditional and modified year calendars;

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Bids awarded for:

- Acquisition, storage, and site to site distribution of USDA commodity products, frozen/refrigerated products and dry food products to Food Services of America in the amount of \$1,416,167.77;
- Milk and dairy products to Meadow Gold Dairy in the amount of \$889,712.26;
- Fresh produce to Grasmick Produce in the amount of \$6,011.15;
- Reroof at Chaparral Elementary School to Upson Company in the amount of \$623,720;
- Interior painting at Meridian Middle School to Merit Professional Coatings, Inc. in the amount of \$187,935;

Request from Idaho State University to conduct a professional development experience designed to improve science and mathematics teaching in grades 3-6, focusing on physical science concepts;

Recommended student expulsions.

Discussion/Action

Third Quarter Financial Report

Alex Simpson, budget director, provided an update on third quarter financials to the board.

Mr. Simpson also reported on a conversation with Moody's Investor Services regarding a possible ratings change due to continuing decreases in the district's fund balance.

Ada County Market Values
Report – 2014

Robert McQuade, Ada County Assessor, reviewed with trustee's current trends and property market values in Joint School District No. 2. Mr. McQuade estimates a total market value of \$18 billion within the district, with a taxable value after exemptions of \$14.1 billion. These figures reflect an estimated increase of 18.2% in residential and a 19.3% increase in commercial properties in the district over last year's figures. New residential construction starts have increased 47.3% since last year's figures; new commercial starts have risen by 49%.

Performing Arts Secondary
School

Dr. Clark updated trustees on the negotiations currently underway with the owners of Fresco Arts Academy in Eagle. The owners are willing to work with us on purchasing the school in a manner that will work the best financially for the district. The building will be provided lease free for the 2014-2015 school year and the owners are conducting an inventory of equipment that will be donated to the school district including instruments and pianos worth about \$500,000. If the owners and the district can reach agreement, the district would take over on July 1st and would plan on opening the school on August 25 for the next school year. Meetings with parents and staff have begun and current students will be grandfathered into the school as well as students scheduled to audition in May. Once staffing has been determined, positions will be posted and current teachers who meet state qualifications can apply for the jobs. We will place two portables on the vacant lot next to the school for additional classroom space.

Trustee Dean asked if shuttle busing would be available and Dr. Clark explained the district's ability to provide transportation depends on where they live.

Trustee Vuittonet asked if the additional seats would bring enough ADA from the state to fund the school. Dr. Clark reiterated there would be no lease or equipment payments to make and ADA would cover the cost of the teachers. The program will continue to serve grades 6-12.

Trustee Dean asked if students could come in a half day for specialized classes and Dr. Clark indicated that would be possible. Trustee Dean stated this seems like a no brainer financially, but what would the district be tied to the second or third year if we can't meet the costs. The district would be contracted to repurpose the building based on the lease purchase agreement.

Chairman Ritter asked about graduation requirements. The curriculum department has looked into it and everything is okay. The senior project will need to be changed to meet the theme of the school. We will need to do some tweaking to make sure they meet standards and will do the same testing as the other schools.

Dr. Clark asked for authorization to enter into a letter of intent with the seller and to go forward with the lease agreement, curriculum, and appraisal.

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Sayles seconded and the vote was unanimous to sign a letter of intent as outlined.

REVISED Policy Code No. 603.20, High School Credits & Graduation Approved

Trustee Sayles moved, Trustee Dean seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve revisions to Policy Code No. 603.20.

Board Reports/Assignments

Trustee Vuittonet reported on his meeting with the Meridian Education Association, toured Discovery Elementary 21st century classrooms, attended the TVEP celebration for the FAFSA competition at The Village, visited Crossroads Middle School to tour their reality town, and attended the NSBA convention in New Orleans.

Trustee Calinsky attended the MTCHS board meeting.

Chairman Ritter had lunch with the mayor of Eagle, attended the governor's task force committee meeting on accountability and autonomy and attended the NSBA convention in New Orleans.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Clark reported on the following items:

- Schools that are designated as Title I schools will stay the same for the next school year.
- Opening Barbara Morgan STEM Academy has accomplished the district's goal of significantly increasing enrollment at that under-enrolled school.
- The EL magnet at Ustick will be moved to Gateway to alleviate overcrowding
- Handed out state requirements for strategic plans which include the key performance indicators as an accountability measure.
- The SBAC testing is going fairly well. A couple of concerns were shared with the state on the length of the test and the length of items in the test. Dr. Clark is scheduled to observe the testing at five schools and has added extra computers to Lake Hazel Middle School and two academies. The Netbook is being piloted for use and if it is successful will free up computers labs during the testing window.

Personnel

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the recommendation to hire Joann Grether as the principal at Prospect Elementary.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Vuittonet moved, Trustee Calinsky seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk